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To: Federal Communications Commission

RE: RM-10521

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a licensed amateur radio operator for the past 8 years, holding an Amateur Extra class license for the past 7 years. I find Mr. Trahos' petition laughable and sincerely hope it is denied in its entirety.

For many years the amateur radio community has suffered due to lack of enforcement and willful violation of the Commission's rules as set forth in Part 97. However, the amateur radio community has been unanimous in the idea *that a violation that is not punished is still a violation*. We cannot change the rules every time we see a violation, no matter how inconsequential it may seem.

Perhaps the most illustrative example one could entertain as to why this should be denied would be a hypothetical proposal by CB operators to legalize unlicensed operation on the 10 meter amateur band. Would the FCC grant this petition? I desperately hope not! As you can see, if this petition is granted the example presented above would become the *de facto* standard....a dangerous precedent indeed.

We, as U.S. citizens are routinely subjected to other nations' rules and regulations when we travel. It is both a matter of common courtesy and national security. Shouldn't we expect the same when they visit our country?

Sincerely,

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